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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CLERIDES' RESIGNATION ISSUE

REF: NICOSIA 1286

1. EVIDENCE CONTINUES TO ARGUE THAT CLERIDES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RESIGN. THRUST OF MOST GREEK PAPERS APRIL 10 IS THAT THIS MINI-CRISIS HAS BEEN, OR IS ABOUT TO BE, RESOLVED FOR TIME BEING. CLERIDES' AGHON REITERATED THAT CLERIDES ALWAYS LISTENS TO "VOICE OF DUTY", EXPRESSED CONVICTION HE WILL ONCE MORE SACRIFICE PERSONAL INTERESTS AND PRIDE FOR SAKE OF "COMMON GOOD" AND STAY ON AS NEGOTIATOR.

2. GOG AMBASSADOR DOUNTAS TRIP TO ATHENS LINKED CLOSELY WITH CLERIDES ISSUE. SOME SPECULATION THAT DOUNTAS WILL BRING KARAMANLIS MESSAGE TO CLERIDES AND MAKARIOS WHEN HE RETURNS TO CYPRUS TONIGHT.

A). MUCH ATTENTION GIVEN TO ATHENS NEWS AGENCY REPORT THAT (A.) THERE "NO SUCH QUESTION" OF CLERIDES INTENTION TO RESIGN AND (B.)

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NO REPEAT NO ISSUE OF REPLACING HIM AS NEGOTIATOR FOR VIENNA BPOM

CBC PARAPHRASED STATEMENT LAST NIGHT (REF TA092115Z).

4. QUESTION REMAINS: WHEN WILL SUMMIT OCCUR, IF AT ALL? FROM NICOSIA VIEWPOINT, GOG WANTS TO LEAVE INITIATIVE TO GOC. VMNERIDES AND ALLIES WANT SUMMIT PRIOR TO VIENNA TALKS TO REEXAMINE "COMMON LINE", MAKARIOS AND BACKERS SEEM LUKEWARM, IN SOME CASES (E.G., LYSSARIDES) HOSTILE TO IDEA.

5. THIS REGARD, UK HIGH COMMISSION CONFIRMS THAT MAKARIOS HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DEPARTING VIA AKROTIRI SBA FOR JAMAICA COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE LATER THIS MONTH (REF NICOSIA 1193). HIGH COMMISSION SAYS "TECHNICAL PROBLEMS" MIGHT MAKE THIS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT EXPECTS HAVE DEFINITE ANSWER IN FEW DAYS. GOG EMBASSY KNOWS OF MAKARIOS' POSSIBLE INTENTION.

6. COMMENT: LEAVING VIA AKROTIRI WOULD (A.) ENABLE MAKARIOS AVOID ATHENS MEETING PRIOR RESUMPTION INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA APRIL 28 AND (B.) ON OTHER SIDE OF COIN, FORCE CLERIDES GO TO VIENNA WITHOUT SUMMIT-LEVEL REEXAMINATION OF MARCHING ORDERS HE RECEIVED EARLY DECEMBER. END COMMENT.
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